The College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan entered into a MoU with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at UK. The MoU is an understanding between the two institutions relating to training and work experience through placement of Post IMM doctors at Barnsley Hospital, UK.

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The MoU says that in accordance with the principles embodied in the Medical Training Initiative (MTI) for International Medical Graduates, with facilities to include the option of CPSP curriculum, the Program will begin at the earliest available opportunity in 2010.

CPSP delegation led by the President Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry and Dr. Siraj ul Haque, Director DME participated at an International Conference on "RESIDENCY EDUCATION RE-IMAGINED", from 23rd to 25th September 2010 in Canada.
General Surgeon, Surgical College Tutor signed on behalf of the Barnsley Hospital Trust.

The MoU speaks about the understanding between the two institutions in matters relating to training and work experience of postgraduate doctors from Pakistan in the United Kingdom.

The Scope of Collaboration will eventually encompass all training specialties. However, to establish the program, initially the parties will focus on the development of opportunities for Surgery and Allied fields.

The MoU further said that the two institutions will proceed in accordance with the principles embodied in the Medical Training Initiative (MTI) for International Medical Graduates, with the option to include CPSP curriculum.

The Program will begin at the earliest available opportunity in 2010, following confirmation of support from the sponsoring bodies.

The said MoU not only opens the pathways for the CPSP trainees to have placement at Barnsley Hospital Trust and other sponsoring bodies at UK, and allowing them the opportunity to complete their remaining period of training at UK; but also that the CPSP curricula will be adopted by the Barnsley and other sponsoring bodies.

The trainees of CPSP will be treated as International Medical Graduates and it implies that those trainees who have successfully completed their IMM here and have acquired the core knowledge and skills of the discipline, will be eligible to seek placement with Barnsley Hospital and other sponsoring bodies.

The doctors sent there will be exposed to the learning and acquisition environment of UK and it is hoped that during the training there, CPSP trainees will be trained with the use of simulators for the training of laparoscopic surgery.

It is expected that under the MoU, both institutions will exchange skills, postgraduate training and academic activities and offer placement in each other’s countries. CPSP President offered Barnsley Hospital to send their specialists to Pakistan, where they can gain experience and develop expertise in practical interventions and surgical skills at CPSP accredited institutions in Pakistan.

College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan is a World renowned institution producing highly qualified specialists including anesthesiologists, gynecologists, radiologists, psychiatrists, physicians and surgeons, who are now serving the humanity, almost in all parts of the Globe.

Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry in his remarks said that we are highly impressed with the facilities and training opportunities provided by the Barnsley Hospital and we look forward to work with the hospital in near future.

Mr. Hanif Shiwani, Consultant General Surgeon at Barnsley Hospital said that we feel honoured to have the opportunity to work with CPSP. It will be a huge bonus for Barnsley Hospital to be linked with the World renowned College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan. Our graduates will gain some of the best possible exposure with the CPSP.